

## Our Men In Service

U.S. AIR FORCES, Thailand -- U.S. Air Force Airman First Class Albert J. Kahahelis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ted Kahahelis of 16 Stewart Lane, is on duty at Korat Royal Thai AFB, Thailand.

Airman Kahahelis, assigned as an aircraft equip. repairman with a unit of the Pacific Air Forces, previously served at March AFB, Calif.

He is a 1965 graduate of Spfld. Trade High.

Kahahelis is married to the former Sandra M. Crieve, daughter of Mrs. Rita Crieve of 38 Fernwood St., Chicopee Falls.

AUSTIN, Tex. -- First Lieutenant Robert F. Babyok Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Babyok Sr. of 129 Doane Ave., Agawam, is a member of the 75th Tactical Reconnaissance Wing, Bergstrom AFB, Tex., that has received the Daedalian Weapons Systems Maintenance Award.

The 75th, which represented the Tactical Air Command in stiff Air Force-wide competition for the annual trophy, was cited for its high operational proficiency during year-long evaluation.

Lieutenant Babyok, a supply officer, is a grad. of Westfield H.S. He received his B.A. degree in history in 1967 from St. Michaels College, Winooski, Vt., where he was commissioned upon completion of the Air Force FOTC program.

## AIR FORCE NEEDS PILOTS

PILOTS WANTED. New Haven, Conn. Lieut. Colonel Thomas K. Quigley, Commander, Southern N.E. Air Force Recruiting Hdqrs. announced today that the Air Force has immediate openings for qualified pilot applicants.

College graduates or students within 120 days of graduation who can meet the physical and aptitude qualifications are eligible to apply for the U.S. Air Force Pilot Training Program.

Eligible college graduates will be commissioned officers after 90 days of Officer Training School. At this time they will be trained as pilots drawing full flight pay even while in training status.

Interested men should immediately contact their local Air Force Rep. listed in the phone dir. under Federal Gov't.

## library notes

The Reading Club will be held every Thursday at the Agawam Public Libraries from July 10 to August 14. The club is open to all students from Grade 1 to Grade 8. The Reading Club will be held at Agawam Center from 10:00 - 11:00; Feeding Hills, 9:00 - 10:00; North Agawam, 11:00 - 12:00.

All the libraries will be closed on Saturday during July and August.

The construction at the Center Library is finished and the staff is busily engaged in cleaning, reorganizing and reshelving the thousands of books. Notification of our opening will appear in the newspaper as quickly as we can finish this. Bear with us a little longer!

A PURPLE MARTIN CAN EAT 2000 MOSQUITOES PER DAY!

## HEART ASSOCIATION OFFERS CLUB PROGRAMS

Program chairmen of clubs, church societies fraternal groups, PTA's and the like may find an answer to their programing problem for the coming year through Western Chapter, Mass. Heart Assoc'n.

The Heart Fund office is prepared to provide free, educational materials without any fund raising appeal to any group that may apply at the office, 145 State St.

Speakers will be provided upon request and films are available on such subjects as diet, rheumatic fever and its prevention, heart disease in children, research and many other subjects. Supportive literature that may be distributed at meetings is also available without charge.

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## Southeastern Mass. Votes to Ban DDT Shouldn't We? Shouldn't Everyone?

The Southeastern Boards of Health Assoc'n. representing 105 Mass. towns and cities, at its recent annual meeting in Dartmouth voted for an outright ban on DDT in Mass.

The action taken at the Hawthorne Country Club in Dartmouth overrode the recommendations of the Assoc'n president, Lewis Wells chairman of the Mass. Pesticide Control Board. Wells, who had been re-elected president earlier in the meeting, presented the current thinking of the Pesticide Board that DDT use be restricted but that farmers be permitted to use the chemical on sweet corn and celery.

Paul t. Anderson of the State Public Health Department unit at Middleboro offered a resolution which stressed the history of scientific findings that DDT created ex-

cessive and long-lasting damage to the environment. The resolution called for an outright ban of DDT and substitution of other less-damaging pesticides.

A voice vote approving a ban on DDT was so substantial that it was not necessary to call for a ballot, despite the fact the Wells left the podium and defended the Pesticide Board's current position on the floor.

The Southeastern Assoc'n. is composed of public health board members from the following counties: Barnstable, Dukes, Nantucket, Plymouth, Bristol, Norfolk, Suffolk and parts of Middlesex.

Commenting on the action, Allen H. Morgan of the Mass. Audubon Society said the action "was consistent with scientific evidence. An outright ban is the only solution."

## Old Sturbridge Village SUMMER PROGRAMS

STURBRIDGE, Mass. -- Things are humming at Old Sturbridge Village, N.E.'s center of living history, as special summer activities commence.

A dramatic interpretation entitled "A Pack of Rascals" is being presented by the Village Players in the OSV Meetinghouse from mid-June through Labor Day. The theme of this year's half hour drama is the role of the lawyer in New England directly after the American Revolution. Performances are at 11:00 A.M. 2:00 and 4:00 P.M. daily except Sundays. "A Pack of Rascals" was written by Fred Carmichael and is directed by Patricia Carmichael. Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael operate the Caravan Playhouse, Dorset, Vt. during the summer months.

Commencing Sat. June 28, Punch and Judy shows will be presented daily except Mondays on the Village Green at 1:00 and 3:00 P.M. Puppeteer Gordon Bennett will entertain with this timeless classic using hand-made puppets and a puppeteer's booth from antiques in the Village collections: Toby, the dog; Scaramouche, the clown; Punch; Punch's wife Judy; their baby; Jack Ketch, the hangman, and the Devil.

Punch whose villainous ancestry is Italian and French was transformed into Capt. Punch, an uncouth New Englander at Dartmouth Mass. in 1800. He made his American debut as "Mr. Punch" in 1828 at the Park Theater, N.Y.C., to the delight of children and adults. His fame spread quickly. Throughout the 19th century Punch and Judy shows were popular entertainment in both town and country.

In the Village Tavern where a newly revised exhibit of N.E. country art in the 1st half of the 19th century is housed, Theodore Kuper, an itinerant portrait painter, demonstrates Fridays through Sundays. His oil 'likenesses', done in the manner of early Yankee country artists, are of costumed members of the Village staff.

Across the road from the Tavern at Gebhardt Hall on the hour and ½ hour visitors may view "Picture the Time", a film tape program relating to the 1790 to 1840 period of history that the Village represents.

At the Pliny Freeman Farm there is constant bustle of activity. Fire-place cooking and yarn dyeing are demonstrated daily by the farmwives while in the barnyard, fields and meadows, farmers tend the crops and farm animals and construct hand-split post and rail fences using reproductions of antique tools.

Ballad singing is presented daily on the Village Green by Folk singers Arthur F. Schrader of Paul Lynn who accompany themselves on guitar. In the Tavern parlor, Miss Susan Lindley presents Irish and Scottish airs accompanying herself on the pianoforte

made by John Osborn of Boston in the 1820's.

Beginning June 29 vesper services will be conducted every Sunday P.M. at 4:00 in the Meetinghouse by Rev. Dowie DeBoer of Sturbridge.

On the 4th of July a Patriotic and Musical celebration will mark the 193rd year of the Independence of this nation. The Sturbridge Martial Band, a small fife and drum corps, will play and march on the Village Green during the day and from 3:30 to 4:00 P.M. the Sturbridge Singers will present a concert of period music in the Village Meetinghouse. Among other early works the group will sing "The History of England" a vitriolic musical comment on tyranny.

The Village's Woodland Walk is now open for the season and visitors may roam the mile-long trail to study the native trees shrubs and plants and learn of the importance of these woodland resources in pre-industrial N.E.

Old Sturbridge Village, a non-profit educational institution, preserves and presents the past for citizens of today. The living museum of early New England life and history is open daily from 9:30 A.M. until 5:30 P.M.

## WMECo Honors Employees at Dinner

Attending a service awards dinner at Betty's Old Towne House on Tuesday, June 17, were 28 employees of the Western Mass. Electric Co. who have contributed a total of 563 years of service to the company.

Honoree with the longest service record is James A. Lewis of Palmer, Super. of the Meter Dept. who has been with the company 43 years.

Also being honored at the dinner are 3 employees who have made significant contributions to the communities in which they live. They are teenage band leader John Maly of 111 Daviston St., Spfld; Warren U. Sears, Red Cross instructor and ski patrolman from Pittsfield; and Leon M. Welenc, chm. of the Ind'l Development Comm. in Greenfield. Each were presented a Community Service Award at the dinner by WMECO pres. Robert E. Barrett, Jr. This award recognizes the generous contribution of time and effort by individuals to activities which are Generating Brighter Tomorrows Today in the company's service area.

LOCAL ITEMS CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER MON. A M

## Farmer in a Far-off Land PART 1—MY TURNING POINT

by Moritz Thomsen

I've just come back from several years in Ecuador where I lived and worked in a sea-coast village as a Peace Corps Agricultural Volunteer. There were about 250 Volunteers in Ecuador at that time, and my only claim to uniqueness is that I was a part of that 1% of Peace Corps Volunteers who are over 50 years of age.

This troubled me all through my stay in South America, not because I was 50 and involved with a group whose average age is 24 (that part was wonderfully stimulating) but because only 1% of the Peace Corps is made up of my age group. I came away convinced that the Peace Corps is simply too great an experience to be squandered mainly on the young, and I was really puzzled that so few people my age have responded to the Peace Corps challenge.

Let me tell you something about the hardest the most difficult part of my entire Peace Corps experience. It wasn't in the lousy food that I sometimes had to eat, nor the long stretches of infinite boredom of living in a backward village, nor the shock of trying to exist and function in a strange culture at the village level. It wasn't in the frustrations of trying to reach people with my little bag of agricultural simplicities, completely revolutionary in that Bronze-Age agriculture. And these were all very real problems, too, believe me.

No, the hardest, most difficult time was picking up the Peace Corps application at the post office, filling it out, and sending it off to Washington. That application sat on the kitchen table for weeks while I thought about it. Because the truth is that for the average farmer over 40, in sending in the Peace Corps application he is almost inevitably saying to himself, "I am going to change my way of looking at life."

It is a hard and terrible decision to make for any man who has been raised and lives by our American tradition that equates success and happiness with money. It implies that until that moment he was moving in the wrong direction, and this is a horrible thing to have to face when he is half way down the road.

It is a hard and terrible decision, because it must be done against that natural rigidity which begins to harden our characters and narrow our horizons and our aspirations at about the age of 40.

This is one of the sadnesses of growing old, that rigidity does occur and that one by one the doors of possibilities which lead to new experiences slowly close and lock until one's sense of choice is more and more restricted, and one goes on out of habit in that safe, secure world one knows.

And this is the wonder of the Peace Corps for the older person -- that once you have made that frightfully difficult decision and have said "no" to simple security and "no" to the too-familiar and "no" to the doubtful satisfactions of being a square hole in a square peg with the future all neatly laid out to the very end -- a lot in Florida where you will go when you retire or the very lot in the cemetery where you will rest forever -- then suddenly those locked doors fly open again. In the profoundest sort of way the whole thing is like suddenly being young again.

I guess if you say to yourself "Oh, no, I don't want to be young again: I don't want to have to go through all that again," then Peace Corps is simply not for you, for it isn't an easy experience. The difficulties are ones that to my knowledge no one has ever even mentioned: they are the simple difficulties of once more being forced to see and be involved in a world as fresh, as beautiful and as terrifying as the world you saw in your youth. And you face it again with the same uncertainty and vulnerability.

The real difficulties then are personal. Let me go back to my own experience.

I farmed for almost 20 years beginning in 1945 right after the war. Admittedly I was somewhat emotionally dried up by the war and wanted only the comfortable security of farm life, that insularity which would be involved closely and mainly with seasons, the open fields, the winter rains the hot, dry summers. And it was a good life made challenging by all the technological changes that swept agriculture in those years.

Suddenly, after about three months of training to prepare me for the shock, I had been catapulted from serenity into another very real world, a world in which (and we yawn when we read the figures) 300,000 people die of hunger and malnutrition every month. I guess we are all pretty much formed by our environment and by whatever realities are put before us, and so this new world of hunger and deprivation was bound to change me.

After I had been in the Peace Corps awhile I suddenly realized that in all those 20 years on my farm I had cried only once--and that was when I had taken my old dog to the vet to be put away.

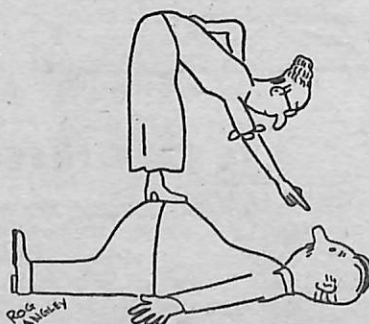
And I thought to myself, "Why, that's only one more time that a dead man cries." For the truth was that living among the poorest people in the world had made me aware of what life is really all about for most of the people in the world, and, man, it's the truth, I learned how to cry again.

But here is the important thing: life didn't become only sadder for me, though, of course, it was, but it also became more valuable, more beautiful, more moving. There is real beauty in the fierce pride and dignity of the very poor as they struggle to exist; there is real beauty in a poor man when he comes to you with complete trust and says "Amigo, I'm tired of being poor; show me how to change."

So when I say that Peace Corps will teach you how to cry again, it's not for the sadness of the world. It's the beauty of the world and the essential dignity and strength of men to endure that makes you weep, sharing his pride. These are things you have to see to believe.

I guess what I want to say is simply that the value of the Peace Corps experience for the older person is in its capacity to rip away all the tired old ways of seeing things and let you see life fresh and new like a child again in all its beauty and its terror.

For some people this might be a gift without a price; for some, a burden too heavy to be lifted. Each of us, depending on what gives meaning to his life, decides this in his heart.



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## Nature's Ways

by Wayne Hanley  
Mass. Audubon Society

For several days we have noted the frequency of female snapping turtles plodding along road shoulders and twice noticed snappers laying eggs in nest holes dug beside the road.

The June rite of the snapping turtle, now often fulfilled as automobiles whiz by a few feet away, is an ancient rite. It was performed essentially the same way in the days when dinosaurs trod the earth — indeed, turtles seem to have crawled inside their own ribs before the first dinosaur was designed. To span the years from the emergence of land animals to the age of astronauts, without radically modifying a way of life, is a long trip, but the unexcitable turtle seems to travel most of that time lapse.

When one sees a snapping turtle, he can assume that water is not far away. Most snappers lay eggs near the pond or slow stream where they live. The nest-hole usually lies on a ridge above flood-level but not more than sixty feet from water.

Snapping turtle eggs look like ping-pong balls. They are classified as shelled eggs, although the shell is really a tough, fibrous skin rather than a brittle shell common to birds. Most female snappers lay twenty to thirty eggs, although a few larger ones lay up to seventy.

Once the egg-laying process begins the snapping turtle has no objection to spectators. Although the turtle's back end is tilting downward toward the pit she has dug one actually can

watch the eggs being laid. As each egg drops, the female seems to catch it in a cupped hind foot and lowers it into the flask.

When the clutch of eggs has been completed, the female uses her body in smothering the surface of the soil. The covering job is done so well that one may watch a turtle lay eggs, but on returning to the site ten minutes later one can find no evidence that hints of the nest's existence.

Once the eggs are covered, the snapper has completed her maternal duties. She depends upon the sun to incubate the eggs. The young dig themselves out of the nest and forage for themselves.

Just how far the young must dig depends upon the length of its own mother's hind legs. Usually the bottom lay of eggs lies no more than seven inches below the surface. The young emerge as a drove, all of them breaking through the surface in quick succession. The emergence seems to be one of those co-operative things nature so often arranges. Tests indicate that a single young turtle lacks the energy to dig to the surface from the bottom of the nest-hole. But, when a couple dozen young turtles begin digging simultaneously, the scratching and bumping and dislodging of dirt enables them to struggle to the surface more or less in unison. Each digs its little bit and the whole is greater than the sum of the parts.

## Vacation Calender Available Free

The Tourist Division of the Mass. Dep't of Commerce and Development announces the publication of its new 1969 Vacation Calendar. The handy 9 page brochure will be a valuable guide for tourists interested in important events in the Commonwealth between now and October. Even the most knowledgeable Mass. natives will doubtless discover many new and exciting events.

The Mass Vacation Calendar is designed to appeal to every taste. Those interested in cultural activity will find a selection of concerts, art exhibits, theatrical events and historic tours. Sport fans can circle the dates of fishing derbies, regattas, horse and dog races and baseball games. For everyone there are

country fairs, civic celebrations, festivals and bazaars.

The Calendar was compiled from info. provided by several different sources. The Governor's Advisory Committee on Vacation Travel contributed info. on the Mass' 12 big vacation areas; local Chambers of Commerce and Selectmen's offices have details about events in their own communities; and private organizations such as theatres, universities and museums sent in news concerning their current programs. The biggest cities and the smallest towns from Nantucket to the Berkshires are represented.

Copies of the Calandar are free upon request. Simply write to the Division of Tourism, Mass. Box 1775, Boston, Mass. 02105.

## METHODIST SUPPER

The Agawam United Methodist Church at 459 Mill St. (across from Agawam High School) will have a Public Smorgasbord at the church, Saturday, June 28. Seatings at 5:30 P.M. & 6:30 P.M. For reservations - Please call Mrs. Herbert Binns 733-8098 or Mrs. Richard Fearn 739-5965 (by noon June 27, if possible).

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## THE SAFE INSECTICIDE

### HOW MUCH POISON ARE WE EATING?

The reason for all this anxiety is not the microscopic bit of insecticide residue on any single food we eat. It is fear of the unknown cumulative effect, the long-range build-up inside your body of the vast variety of toxic materials that may crop up in every meal.

In his testimony, Dr. Francis E. Ray, Director of the Cancer Research Laboratory of the University of Florida, explained why in his field this problem is particularly difficult to solve. "Long continued application of small doses," he said, "is more effective in producing tumors than are large doses frequently applied . . . Cancer of the internal organs

may pass unnoticed until it has progressed to the fatal stage. In human cancer, therefore, it might be very difficult to prove that a tumorous growth was initiated by the long continued ingestion of small amounts of chemical in food."

"It is the hope that government scientists will always think of consumer health before pest-killing efficiency. . . . And it is the hope most of all that public awareness will maintain constant pressure to keep the new laws strict and strong, so that never again will the American people be 160,000,000 guinea pigs."

Ralph D. Martin  
Harper's Magazine

## WHAT IS A WAF?

WHAT IS A WAF? What's in a name! If you heard someone say, "She's a WAF" you might be aware that it has something to do with the U.S. Air Force, and you would be right "WAF" stands for Woman (or Women) in the Air Force.

What specifically is a WAF, and what does she do, and why? To answer these questions we have talked with First Lieut. Geraldine Beck, WAF Selection Officer for Southwestern N.E. Lt Beck has been a WAF since July 1967 when she enlisted in the Air Force one month after graduating from Boston College.

Now she is a WAF Advisor. She applied for recruiting duty because she honestly feels that the Air Force offers young women college graduates all the things they are looking for in job satisfaction, travel, pay and benefits.

Although she related here much about her experiences as a WAF, the best way for any interested young women to find out the specifics is to talk to her personally. This they can do by contacting their local Air Force or call 772-0800 ext. 6236.

"Practically all women college grads are extremely enthusiastic about starting their first real job, I was no exception," says the Lieutenant. Her enthusiasm was somewhat diminished when she found difficulty procuring a position in which she could utilize her 4 years of college training and satisfy her desire to do something constructive with her life.

After many weeks of "pounding the pavement," she met some recruiters who explained the many opportunities available in the Air Force. "It sounded almost too good to be true, guarantees salary of \$8100 annually in 2 years, an executive position, 30 days annual paid vacation, extensive free travel available via military aircraft. So I applied, was accepted and after 90 days of officer training school, I was commissioned a 2nd Lieut in the Air Force."

Her first assignment was to Sacramento, Cal. as the Chief of Administration for a 600 man Communication Group. "I found the Air Force all that my recruiters said it would be, only better!" I really did have an exec. position with outstanding, dedicated and knowledgeable people working for me. I found the position of "Chief" a little overwhelming at first but I soon got the hang of it. I must have been doing something right because I was promoted to 1st Lieut. last March."

Her travel experiences can be envied by many young women. She has gone via military aircraft to Hawaii, Los Angeles, Denver, Oklahoma City and Wash. D.C. She recently calculated that in the past 2 years she has flown some 25,000 miles on all types of military aircraft. "I wouldn't trade my past 2 years in the Air Force for anything. The people I've met, places I've seen and things I've done have been experiences that I'll always remember."

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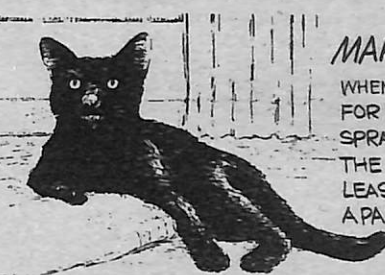
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## Audubon Hopes to Hatch Cecropia Moths

Nearly 2,000 moth cocoons from Prairie Village, Kansas, are being taped, tacked or tied to trees and other host plants on Mass. Audubon Soc. sanctuaries across Mass. Some will journey further, destined for Roger Tory Peterson, famed naturalist, in Old Lyme, Conn.

Peterson and Audubon's sanctuary directors hope the cocoons, all of the Cecropia moth, will hatch, and establish a viable population in their areas. The Cecropia, a large and beautiful moth living outdoors, was once common. It's numbers have declined because of pesticide spraying and increasing urbanization.

Audubon received the cocoons through Miss Ivy LeMon, an Audubon teacher, consultant for the Society's 21st classroom TV for 2nd graders, and lepidoptera expert who directs much of the U.S. share of the Monarch butterfly banding program carried out by the U. of Toronto.

The project began in 1967, when Miss LeMon gave a talk on moths and butterflies at Mass Audubon's annual 3 day nature college, Focus: Out-

doors. She noted the population of Cecropia was declining. Her talk was reported in the N.Y. Times, and the article impressed Miss Marie Gault of Prairie Village, Kansas, who contacted Miss LeMon.

Out of their exchange came Miss Gault's determination to collect Cecropia cocoons, which are still plentiful in Kansas. She organized neighborhood children to collect the cocoons, and the resulting 2,000 arrived this spring.

The majority went to David Miner, director of Cook's Canyon, who has a thriving butterfly house. A few were taken by Audubon teachers throughout Mass. who report several have hatched in classroom containers, to the delight of their students. Drumlin Farm in Lincoln, Ipswich River in Topsfield, and Pleasant Valley in Lenox will share the rest with Mr. Peterson and Audubon's other sanctuaries.

Miss LeMon hopes establishing the moth on Mass Audubon's relatively unpolluted grounds will bolster the total Mass. Cecropia population.

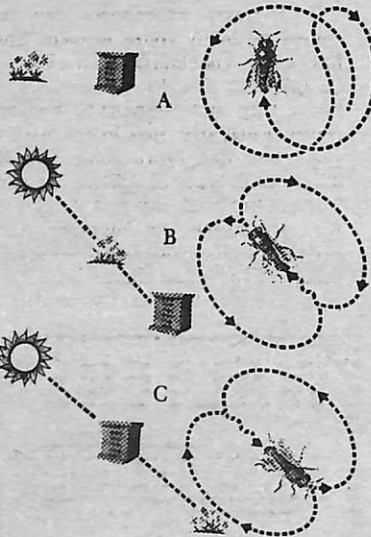
## DON'T BE A LITTERBUG

## Well, What Do You Know? fun, games and knowledge

by MARTHA GLAUBER SHAPP, Editor, The New Book of Knowledge

Do bees dance?

Dancing bees communicate to their hive mates the direction and location of food. The bees in the hive follow and imitate the dancing bees and correctly interpret the signals that are given, even if the dances are done in complete darkness. If the dancing bee does a round dance (A),



then the other bees fly out to find food near the hive. If the bee does a wagging dance, it means that the food is more than 100 yards away. But the wagging dance also tells in what direction and how far away the feeding place lies. If the straight run is upward (B), the direction is toward the sun. A straight run downward (C) means food is away from the sun. The speed of the wagging dance indicates the distance of the food from the hive.

(For a free booklet, "The Magic Carpet," illustrated in color from The New Book of Knowledge, send name and address to Martha Glauber Shapp, Box 47, Putnam Valley, New York 10579.)

How old is baseball?

A game with bases, and sometimes called "base ball," was played long ago as part of the religious rites of the ancient Egyptians. Baseball as we know it began in 1845, when Alexander J. Cartwright drew up some rules for the game. He helped to organize the first baseball club, the New York Knickerbockers. In 1846 the Knickerbockers lost the first recorded game to the rival New York Nine, 23 to 1, in four innings.

Where are the biggest caves in North America?

The Carlsbad Caverns are the biggest caves in North America, if not in the world. They were discovered in 1901 by Jim White, a New Mexican cowboy. About 60,000,000 (million) years ago, acid rain-water began nibbling away at the limestone bed in New Mexico to form rooms that are as long as ¾ mile and as high as a 30-story office building. Some of the rooms in Carlsbad are 1,000 feet or so under the ground. The cave's largest room could hold 10 football fields.

Where did the phrase "not worth his salt" originate?

The phrase "not worth his salt" probably became a saying in ancient Greece during the time when slaves were bought with salt. The word "salary" comes from the Latin word *sal*, meaning "salt." The Romans often paid their troops in salt instead of money.

## Senate Urged to Back Lid on Farm Subsidies

The AFL-CIO urged the Senate to join with the House in putting a \$20,000 ceiling on the amount of farm subsidy that can be paid to any individual or corporation.

The House wrote the subsidy ceiling into the Agriculture Dept. appropriations bill in an effort to cut off huge windfalls to a few big corporate farms without hurting the family farmer. AFL-CIO Legislative Dir. Andrew J. Biemiller termed the \$20,000 limit "reasonable" and in line with the position taken by the federation's Executive Council earlier this year.

In a letter to Sen. Spessard L. Holland (D-Fla.), chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee now considering the bill, Biemiller urged that the House-passed ceiling be retained.

"Many Americans find it difficult to justify the huge subsidy payments to large producers under the best of economic circumstances," he wrote. "They see no justification for them at a time such as this when pressing domestic needs of the American people are going unmet because of a tight budgetary situation."

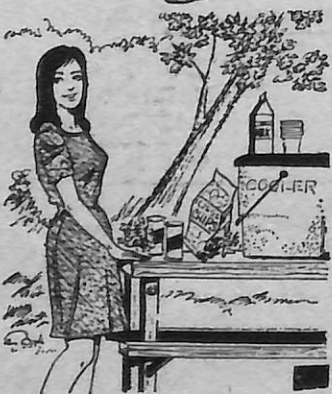
### HEATSTROKE

Cool it as much as possible in hot and humid weather, and lessen your chances of suffering heat exhaustion. Victims of heatstroke usually exhibit the following symptoms: pale and clammy skin; rapid and weak pulse rate; complaints of weakness, headache, or nausea; and cramps in stomach, legs or arms. The victim should lie down in a cool place with his head level to or lower than his body. If the person is conscious, give him a salt water solution — one teaspoon salt to one quart water — and then call a doctor.



### FOOD POISONING

Protect yourself and family against food poisoning on picnics and outings. If you prepare perishable dishes at home, refrigerate them immediately, and keep such food cold until serving or cooking. Discard any food that appears spoiled or tainted. Take along several nonperishable food items such as canned food, potato chips, and clean raw fruits. The use of vinegar in meat, salad and fish dishes will help retard bacteria.



## Racing at Stafford Springs

NASCAR modified racing above the Mason-Dixon line is a 3 pronged thing based on geography. S.S.S. serves as the capitol of one and a mainstay of the 2 others.

Friday night's 50 lapper, June 27, on the northern Conn. ½ mile will attract cars and drivers from 6 states.

Stafford is the 1st leg on a big weekend for the N.E. chauffeurs, led by National NASCAR Modified Champ Bugsy Stevens of Rehoboth, Mass.

The N.Y. State crew paced by Jerry Cook of Rome, N.Y., a leader in current nat'l. standings, and the Long Island-New Jersey group, featuring the likes of Fred Harback and Charlie Jarzombek, are steady visitors.

Every driver in the field Friday will no doubt have one eye on next week's 100 lap nat'l championship race. Money and momentum are the goals Friday night.

"A race driver is always looking ahead," says Nutmegger Bill Slater (Hartford). "Momentum plays a part in this sport just like it does in others. You go into a big race with a win behind you, you have an edge knowing your car is running right."

Ed Flemke, the Southington, Conn. resident and probably the master at Stafford, looks at it another way.

"Stafford is a horse power tract," says Flemke. "Speed is the important thing. You've got to get around better than the other guys. It means speed, pure and simple speed. That means equipment."

Fred DeSarro of Westerly, R.I., a

contender for the nat'l crown this year will be seeking another Stafford victory on the asphalt, as will Gene Bergin, the speedster from Manchester, Conn. Sal Dee of New Haven, and Leo Cleary of Hanover, Mass.

New Hampshire's Smokey Boutwell (Pelham) and Ernie Gahan (Dover) and the XL-1, Don House's modified from New Jersey, make perhaps the longest trip every Friday night Gahan has been impressive at Stafford with a second and fourth so far.

Being 1st is always nice. All would like to go into the 100-lapper off a victory.

### NEW DATES

Two date changes, both expected to paly heavily on the Nat'l modified standings have been affected at S.S.S.

Stafford has surrendered July 11 (Friday night) to Thompson as a rain date for the Grand Nationals, slated for July 10 at Thompson. In its sted, Stafford will run twin 50-lappers on Sunday night, July 13. The 1st event will be the feature lost out to the rains June 6th. The 2nd feature will offer double points making the night a must for the big guns chasing the nat'l championship.

The big 200 lap race, originally slated for Oct. 5, will be moved up to Sunday, Sept. 27.

The Stafford management is in the process of negotiating for several other big events. Announcements are expected soon.

Stafford will run 50-lap feature on June 27, before a giant 100-lap event on Friday, July 4.

## American Legion

Wilson-Thompson  
Unit No. 185  
Auxiliary

A very successful Food Sale was held for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund at Zayre's in Agawam by Wilson-Thompson Unit No. 185. Thanks go to all those who contributed time, money and goodies and to all those who purchased the delicious food.

Hampden County Auxiliary will hold an Install. of Officers at Odd Fellows Hall in W. Spfld. on Sat., June 28. Mrs. Jane Whalen from Agawam Unit is on the County Exec. Board.

Delegates Gladys Belcher and Jane Whalen and alternates Peg Brown and Jennie Bousquet reported on the Dep't Convention at Noh. Falmouth at the June 16 meeting of the Unit. Members who would like to see the Committee Reports and the lists of awards may obtain this info. from the booklets the delegates and alternates received at Convention. Mass. would like a unit average of 5 more members each by Nat'l Convention July 1st.

The following officers were elected by the Unit at their last meeting and these officers will be installed with Post officers in the Fall: Pres. Mrs. Jennie Bousquet; Senior V.P. Mrs. Ann Rossi; Junior V.P. Mrs. Jeannette St. John; Sec. Mrs. Jeanne Champigny; Treasurer Mrs. Jane Whalen; Chaplain Mrs. Gladys Catchepaugh; Historian, Mrs. Wilma Gillan; Sgt. at arms Mrs. Gladys Belcher; and Exec. Board, Mrs. Ruth Bowen, Mrs. Alice Soden, Mrs. Lillian Gokey; Mrs. Dorothy Byorek and Mrs. Gladys Belcher.

### Notes

Mrs. Silvia E. Dunlap has been accepted by the Auxiliary. The W.T. Unit No. 185 Scholarship was awarded to Miss Eileen Burns, Chm. Jane Whalen has accepted the Unit's contribution to the County Leed's Hospital picnics. Family Post picnics will be announced for the summer months. The Unit's next meeting will be held in september.

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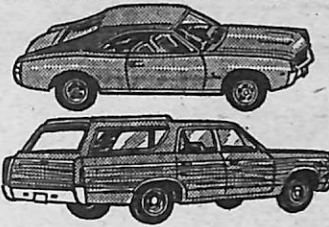
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#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court  
To RICHARD MATTHEW  
KEEVERS of Manchester, in the  
State of Connecticut.

A libel has been presented to said Court by your wife JOYCE LINDA VERANI KEEVERS of Agawam, in the County of Hampden, praying that a divorce from the bond of matrimony between herself and you be decreed for the cause of cruel and abusive treatment and praying for alimony — and for custody of and allowance for minor children.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, within twenty-one days from the eighteenth day of July 1969, the return day of this citation. Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this third day of June 1969.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register

June 12, 19, 26

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court  
To LAURA L. NAWOJCZYK  
ENNIS of Syracuse, in the State of New York.

A libel has been presented to said Court by your husband, JOHN P. ENNIS of Agawam, in the County of Hampden, praying that a divorce from the bond of matrimony between himself and you be decreed for the cause of cruel and abusive treatment and praying for custody of minor children.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, within twenty-one days from the twenty-second day of July 1969, the return day of this citation. Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fifth day of June 1969.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register

June 12, 19, 26

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court  
To JOSEPH JOHN LIQUORI of  
Agawam, in said County.

A petition has been presented to said Court by ANN MARIE CONTRINO LIQUORI praying that a decree of this Court dated March 13, 1969, dismissing her libel for divorce against said JOSEPH JOHN LIQUORI, may be vacated and said libel reopened for further hearing, all as more fully set forth in said petition.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-seventh day of June 1969 the return day of this citation.

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